

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 20 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 21 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 19 Nov 2021 at 15:49 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for transition to colder, brighter, drier weather during Saturday, continuing on Sunday. Also high confidence for mainly dry, cloudier, less cold weather on Monday and Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 20 Nov 2021: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain in the morning. Sunshine and a few showers in the afternoon turning increasingly wintry on the tops where it will feel bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 20 Nov 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Drizzle	Drizzle	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Sunny intervals	Sleet showers	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	40%	60%	80%	20%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 20 Nov 2021

Weather: Rain becoming more persistent and heavier later in the night and for a time on Saturday. Rain turning to snow above 900m before clearing southwards late in morning. Then a much brighter afternoon with sunshine and scattered showers following, turning wintry above about 800m.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance for much of morning, improving 70% in afternoon.

Visibility: Poor for a time in the morning due to rain and clouds well down the hills. Visibility improving good by afternoon with clouds lifting and breaking up. There will be brief deteriorations to very poor visibility during afternoon and evening as wintry showers pass by and clouds lowering to 700m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	40/51 SW	41/52 SW	45/58 SW	32/40 W	32/42 W	31/40 NW	29/38 NW	27/34 NW	28/37 N
900	28/38 SW	30/41 SW	32/43 SW	22/30 W	25/34 W	22/30 NW	20/28 NW	17/24 NW	18/26 N
600	32/42 SW	34/45 SW	37/48 SW	21/29 W	23/32 W	21/29 W	19/26 W	14/21 W	16/23 N
300	19/30 SW	19/30 SW	20/31 SW	12/19 W	14/24 W	14/23 NW	11/19 NW	9/15 NW	8/14 N
Glen	15/30 SW	16/31 SW	16/32 SW	10/22 W	12/24 W	12/24 NW	9/20 NW	7/16 NW	5/14 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-6	2/-6	3/-5	1/-6	-1/-9	-2/-11	-3/-11	-3/-12	-4/-12
900	5/-1	4/-2	5/-2	4/-2	2/-4	1/-6	0/-6	-1/-7	-1/-7
600	7/1	6/0	7/1	6/1	5/-1	3/-3	2/-4	2/-4	1/-4
300	9/5	8/5	9/5	8/4	7/4	6/2	4/1	4/0	3/0
Glen	11/8	10/8	11/8	10/7	9/7	8/4	6/4	6/4	5/4
Freezing Level*	1800m	2000m	2000m	1400m	1000m	900m	800m	800m	700m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Difficult walking conditions with strong winds and temperatures falling close to or even below freezing. Conditions exacerbated by the wet weather in the morning followed by wintry showers.

Forecast for Sunday 21 Nov 2021

Weather: A dry, sunny day across much of the Southwest Highland area with just an isolated light wintry shower, mainly over hills towards West Coast. A cold day with a frost in the glens at first, returning during evening.

Maximum wind: Northerly winds with average speeds of 20mph and gusts 30mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 95%.

Visibility: Air will have great clarity resulting in excellent visibility with more distant tops clearly visible. Patches of cloud about 700m, mainly towards West Coast.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising briefly to plus 7 Celsius before falling again towards dusk.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius rising to Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 500m lifting to 900m in the afternoon.